

School Board Highlights

March 14, 2011

District Office

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Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Chair Difronzo at 7 p.m.
Board Members Present	Mickey Difronzo, Paul Mandell, Keri Myran, Cindy Nordstrom, Lynette Stensgard and Bridget Sutton
Approval of Agenda	Agenda approved.
Visitor Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beth Keller, a parent of students at Salem Hills Elementary School and Inver Grove Heights Middle School, spoke regarding budget reduction proposals posed at the February 28 Board of Education meeting.
Superintendent's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simley had many participants in State tournaments during the past month. The varsity jazz dance team placed seventh in State, boys' swimming finished in sixth place, and the wrestling team won their fourth consecutive State title. Congratulations to these teams and all of our students who challenge themselves academically and in extra-curricular activities. Simley's robotics team performed well, advancing to the semi-finals at the Lake Superior Regional in Duluth last weekend. The team's unique robot design earned them the Creativity Award. Team 2518 will put their robot to the test again at the 10,000 Lakes Regional competition at Williams Arena, March 31 through April 2. Simley hopes to finish best in the region so that they can head to nationals at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, Missouri. Congratulations to three Simley artists who competed exceptionally well at this year's Best 100 competition. Heather Ostertag, Jessica Degler and Victoria Peterson were among some of the Twin Cities' best artists to have their work selected for this very prestigious juried competition and show. Their art work, along with many others, will be on display at the AZ Gallery in downtown St. Paul through the end of March. Heather Ostertag's charcoal portrait of a face in a hand was one of two \$500 scholarship winners. All three girls have devoted much of their time to working in the art room and completing their Advanced Placement college portfolios. Heather has already been accepted to the University of Wisconsin - Stout and is pursuing a degree in graphic design, Jessica will be starting out at Inver Hills Community College to complete her generals and Victoria will also pursue her drawing passion. The Inver Grove Heights BEST Foundation's Fundraiser Dinner is this Saturday, March 19 at 5:30 p.m. at Southview Country Club. Tickets are still available. Visit the BEST Foundation's webpage, which is accessible from the district website, for more information. Spring Break is March 28 through April 3. Since students will be on break that week, the Board of Education meeting scheduled for Monday, March 28 at Salem Hills is being moved to the District Office. Dr. Wells and Mr. Rimstad reviewed 2011-2012 budget projections and explained the recent history and current state of the district's fund balance.
Committee Reports	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The business manager discussed the process used for transportation quotations. Veterans Memorial Community Center will charge an additional \$5/hour for ice use in 2011-2012.

Committee Reports (Cont'd)

- In a 1986 agreement between the district and the City, the City was deeded the use of a piece of property (2.17 acres at Salem Hills) for 25 years. The deed automatically renews this year unless the district requests it no be renewed. The finance committee recommended that the district indicate in writing release from the deed and revisit/update the deeding.
- The Government Account Standards Board's Statement no. 54 requires that the fund balance definitions/assignments be changed. The finance committee referred this matter to the policy committee.

Personnel

- Reviewed the resolutions to be presented to the Board related to budget reductions.
- Reviewed staff participation in the last flu shot clinic and recommended holding the event at an earlier date to see if participation rebounds.
- Reviewed an administrative contract shared between ISD 199, ISD 197 and Special School District 6.
- Discussed principal contracts, tenure and seniority.

Membership Reports

AMSD

- Panel discussion with State Representatives regarding proposals coming out this session

EMID

- Hoping to fill Superintendent vacancy by May
- Superintendents from 10-district consortium reviewed proposals to make better use of resources of district integration dollars

Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

- A. Approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on Monday, February 28, 2011.
- B. Personnel
 1. Certified Resignation/Retirement
 2. Classified Resignation/Retirement
 3. General/Medical Leave
 - a. Approved the family medical leave of absence for Matthew Corey, Simley High School teacher, effective May 16, 2011 through June 10, 2011.
 4. Certified Appointment
 - a. Approved the appointment of Susan Flannagan Meyer, 0.5 FTE Hilltop Elementary School Media Specialist, effective September 7, 2010.
 5. Classified Appointment
- C. Acknowledgement under Policy 427 – Employment and Supervision of Relatives:
 - Molly Gingerich, Kids' Choice Lead, related to Michael Gingerich, Simley High School math teacher and Tammy Gingerich, Inver Grove Heights Middle School science teacher.
- D. Approved the appointment of extra-curricular activity coaches for the 2010-11 school year.
- E. To approve the Pine Bend Elementary after-school ALC Session 3 classes for spring 2011.
- F. To approve the Community Education 2011 spring youth enrichment classes and instructors.

Business

- A. Accepted the donation totaling \$150.72 from Wells Fargo Foundation Educational Matching Gift Program to Hilltop Elementary School.
- B. Accepted the donation totaling \$156.72 from Wells Fargo Foundation Educational Matching Gift Program to Inver Grove Heights Middle School (\$60.00 is designated for music).
- C. Second Reading for Revision of Policy 201 – Legal Status of the School Board; Policy 410 – Family and Medical Leave; Policy 505 – Distribution of Non-School-Sponsored Materials on School Premises by Students and Employees; Policy 512 – School-Sponsored Student Publications and Activities; Policy 524 – Information Communication Technology Acceptable Use and Safety Policy; 524F1 – Student Application; 524F2 – Staff Application; Policy 613 – Graduation Requirements; Policy 614 – School District Testing Plan and Procedure; Policy 615 – Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students; Policy 616 – School District System Accountability; Policy 618 – Assessment of Student Achievement; Policy 707 –

Business (Cont'd)

Transportation of Public School Students; Policy 713 – Student Activity Accounts; and Policy 904 – Distribution of Materials on School District Property by Non-School Persons.

- Randy Jones, district staff member, addressed the Board regarding proposed reductions to the D/APE program.

D. Approved the resolution discontinuing and reducing educational programs and positions.
E. Approved the resolution adding educational programs for 2011-12.

Personnel

A. Approved the resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contracts of probationary teachers.

Board Communication

- Member Nordstrom attended the State High School Wrestling Tournament at the Xcel Energy Center.
- Member Stensgard ask Dr. Wells to clarify the Gifted and Talented Coordinator position. Dr. Wells stated that under the accepted proposal, the position would remain intact and would be assigned more duties. If more cuts are necessary, administration and the Board will look at the possibility of cutting that position.
- Vice Chair Mandell discussed some possibilities that the Theatre Advisory Committee is looking at to increase funding for the program.
- Chair Difronzo congratulated students and coaches participating in winter sports. He congratulated students, staff and volunteers who prepared the robotics field at Simley High School in late February. Difronzo thanked custodians and other staff for the time and effort they devote towards keeping lots and sidewalks cleared during the winter.
- Member Myran congratulated Simley swimmers and coach Lynn Newton on a top-10 State finish.
- Dr. Wells notified the Board that the district is still looking to meet with the City for the required joint district-City meeting. There is also a date set for the required tri-district meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.